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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A bicycle shift control device comprising:
an outer casing having a cable receiving bore and an access opening;
a cable operated winding mechanism disposed in said outer casing, said cable
operated winding mechanism having a cable attachment point disposed relative to
said access opening to be accessible from said access opening; and
a maintenance cover movably coupled to said outer casing between a closed
position overlying said access opening and an open position exposing said access
opening.

10 2. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 1, wherein
said maintenance cover is slideably coupled to said outer casing between said
closed position and said open position.

15 3. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 2, wherein
said outer casing includes a channel with said maintenance cover slideably
disposed in said channel.

20 4. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 3, wherein
said outer casing and said maintenance cover include complementary retaining
elements that are arranged to releasably maintain said maintenance cover in said
closed position.

25 5. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 2, wherein
said outer casing includes a first casing half and a second casing half that are
fixedly coupled together.

30 6. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 5, wherein
said access opening is partially formed in each of said first and second casing
halves.

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7. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 6, wherein said maintenance cover includes a handle element arranged to aid in sliding said maintenance cover between said closed position and said open position.

8. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 7, wherein said maintenance cover is curved.

9. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 1, wherein said outer casing and said maintenance cover include complementary retaining elements that are arranged to releasably maintain said maintenance cover in said closed position.

10. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 1, wherein said outer casing includes a first casing half and a second casing half that are fixedly coupled together.

11. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 10, wherein said access opening is partially formed in each of said first and second casing halves.

12. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 1, wherein said maintenance cover includes a handle element arranged to aid in moving said maintenance cover between said closed position and said open position.

13. The bicycle shift control device according to claim 1, wherein said maintenance cover is curved.